



Office of the Los Angeles City Attorney
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REPORT RE:

**REVISED DRAFT CHARTER AMENDMENT ESTABLISHING AN INDEPENDENT
REDISTRICTING COMMISSION FOR THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES; DRAFT
BALLOT RESOLUTIONS AND ELECTION ORDINANCE PLACING THE CHARTER
AMENDMENT ON THE NOVEMBER 5, 2024 BALLOT; AND A REVISED DRAFT
ORDINANCE ADDING RELATED PROVISIONS TO THE LOS ANGELES
ADMINISTRATIVE CODE**

The Honorable City Council
of the City of Los Angeles
Room 395, City Hall
200 North Spring Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Honorable Members:

On April 18, 2024, the Ad Hoc Committee on City Governance Reform recommended modifications to some of the provisions of the draft Charter amendment and draft Administrative Code ordinance establishing an independent redistricting commission for the City of Los Angeles. Consistent with that direction, this Office hereby transmits revised versions of the draft Charter amendment and Administrative Code ordinance, as well the election ordinance and ballot resolutions necessary to place the Charter amendment on the ballot. We have approved the draft Charter amendment, ordinances, and resolutions as to form and legality.

We have revised the following provisions of the draft Charter amendment and Administrative Code ordinance pursuant to the motions adopted by the Committee on April 18, 2024: Charter Section 482(a) (clarifying there is no citizenship requirement); Section 483(c) (requiring publicizing application data); Section 483(f) (eliminating limit on size of applicant pool); Section 483(g) (clarifying language); Section 485(d)

(clarifying translation requirements); LAAC Section 2.63(c) (expanding application outreach); LAAC Sections 2.65(b) and 2.65(e) (enhancing translation requirements); LAAC Section 2.66(e) (involving community organizations); and LAAC Section 2.68 (adding standards for commissioner compensation). We also have identified two provisions in the previous draft Charter amendment language that were inconsistent with the directions approved by the City Council on November 29, 2023. We have corrected those two inconsistencies in this revised draft: conforming Section 482(g)(2) with Council Direction D.3.b.ii regarding post-service restrictions; and conforming Section 485(g)(2) with Council Direction D.7 regarding ex parte communications of Commission staff.¹

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Assistant City Attorney Harit Trivedi at (213) 978-7100. A member of this Office will be available when you consider this matter to answer questions you may have.

Sincerely,

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Transmittal

¹ See directions adopted by the City Council and reflected in Attachment A to the CLA's report dated October 16, 2023, as amended by the City Council on November 29, 2023 (CF 22-1196-S1).